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Why Danish support to PACADIRH?

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Reasons for Danida support

Only guessing - not official Danida viewpoint!

- High priority to water sector in Danida's strategy
- Underpinning international IWRM processes supported by Danida (e.g. Dublin, Rio, Uganda WAP)
- Building/strengthening regional cooperation and integration (e.g. Interamerican dialogues, high-level political commitment to PACADIRH)
- Transferring experiences from Nicaragua Water Action Plan

Importance of process

- The process as a result in itself. Creation of awareness and ownership.
- Danida: Facilitation. Job to be done/owned by Central American stakeholders
- Participation and contribution by broad range of stakeholders. National/regional workshops.
- Out-of-the-water-box thinking. Water in a larger perspective. Too many water projects with too little impact.

Importance of results

- Strengthening SICA/CCAD's capacity to implement and manage PACADIRH
- Realistic plan - not just a wish-list
 - prioritisation; own contribution; financing aspects
- **Regional** plan - not national plan x 7
 - challenge to distil value added by regional action
- Encouragement to prepare subsequent national water action plans

Where are we now?

- Danida might say:
“Too slow implementation - why?”
- SICA structure in place? - true “champion” of PACADIRH?
- Are we talking to the right people? - we need to mobilize non-water sector decision-makers
- Real political commitment at regional level to ***implement*** PACADIRH - and to find the contribution from Central America itself?